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SUBJECT: CLARINET-PILGRAM - FURTHER REACTIONS

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1. GON PUBLICATION OF CLARINET PILGRIM GOT EXTENSIVE MEDIA
COVERAGE JULY 7, BASED ON STATEMENTS TO PRESS BY MOD UNDERSECRETARY
HOLST (REFTEL).

2. HOLST DID NOT, AS HE HAD INDICATED TO CHARGE, ISSUE
FORMAL, SIX-POINT STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, BUT CHOSE INSTEAD
TO USE TEXT AS TALKING POINTS. LOCAL MEDIA COVERAGE
SUBSEQUENT TO HOLST'S STATEMENT HAS BEEN LARGELY MODERATE
AND STRAIGHTFORWARD. RADIO-TV EVENING NEWS ON JULY 6
REPORTED NY TID'S ACCUSATIONS BUT BALANCED THEM WITH
HOLST'S STATEMENT. ONLY MAJOR MORNING DAILY TO GIVE ANY
SIGNIFICANT COVERAGE JULY 7 WAS CONSERVATIVE AFTENPOSTEN
WHICH STRESSED HOLST'S COMMENTS. LABOR PARTY DAILY
ARBEIDERBLADET CARRIED ONLY TWO INCH STORY, WHILE THE
REMAINDER OF THE MORNING DAILIES IGNORED THE STORY.
IN JULY 7 AFTERNOON DAILIES, VERDENS GANG AND DAGBLADET,
STORY GIVEN SOMEWHAT MORE PROMINENT THOUGH STILL INSIDE, PLAY.
OF ALL FOLLOW-UP REPORTING, HOWEVER, ONLY THE RADICAL-
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LIBERAL DAGBLADET HAD A NEGATIVE SLANT.

3. ALL REPORTING STRESSED HOLST'S POINT THAT THE NORWEGIAN
GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST--NOT A DEMAND AS NY TID
CHARGED--FROM THE UNITED STATES TO INSTALL CLARINET-PILGRIM
ON THE LORAN C SYSTEM. THEY ALSO GIVE PROMINENCE TO HIS
ASSERTIONS THAT CLARINET-PILGRIM WILL NOT VIOLATE NORWEGIAN

BASE AND NUCLEAR POLICY AND THAT NORWAY WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE NEW SYSTEM IN CONNECTION WITH COAST GUARD SURVEILLANCE OF THE NEW 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. THE MEDIA ALSO ALL REPORTED THAT HOLST SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BRING THE MATTER BEFORE THE APPROPRIATE STORTING ORGANS UNTIL THE STORTING HAS COMPLETED ITS HANDLING OF THE SCHEI COMMITTEE REPORT ON LORAN C.

4. AS THINGS NOW STAND, THE NY TID SENSATION FOR THIS WEEK APPEARS TO HAVE RUN A BRIEF COURSE. WE NOW AWAIT NEXT WEDNESDAY'S EDITION.
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